Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

ABSTRACT

A method and an apparatus are described herein for mediating ~~in~~ management orders between a plurality of origin managers and a plurality of managed devices in a telecommunications system. The apparatus comprises: a Communication Receiver Component ~~(201)~~ arranged for receiving management orders, a Communication Sender Component ~~(203)~~ arranged to send an allowed management order to a managed device, and a Management Verifier Component ~~(202)~~, arranged to determine whether a received management order is an allowed management order. ~~The Management Verifier Component checks whether a received management order fits with the access attributes comprised in one, or more, management access templates. A management access template is selected according to its relationship with an identifier of the origin manager sending the order, and/or with an identifier of a managed data object affected by said order, and/or with an identifier of a managed device affected by said management order.~~

Please replace paragraph [0004] beginning at page 2, line 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0004] A given device in a telecommunications network can contain one or more data objects which are manageable by means of one or more management operations which allow a data object to be initially set, accessed, modified, erased, etc. This is commonly achieved by entering into the managed device a management order which <u>requests</u> ~~request~~ one or more management operations over one or more managed data objects said device holds. --

Please replace paragraph [0010] beginning at page 5, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- [0010]   The aforementiond object is achieved by an apparatus as described and claimed ~~in claim 1~~ herein, This object is also achieved by a method ~~as claimed in claim 15,~~ or by a computer program as described and claimed ~~in claim 26~~ herein. --